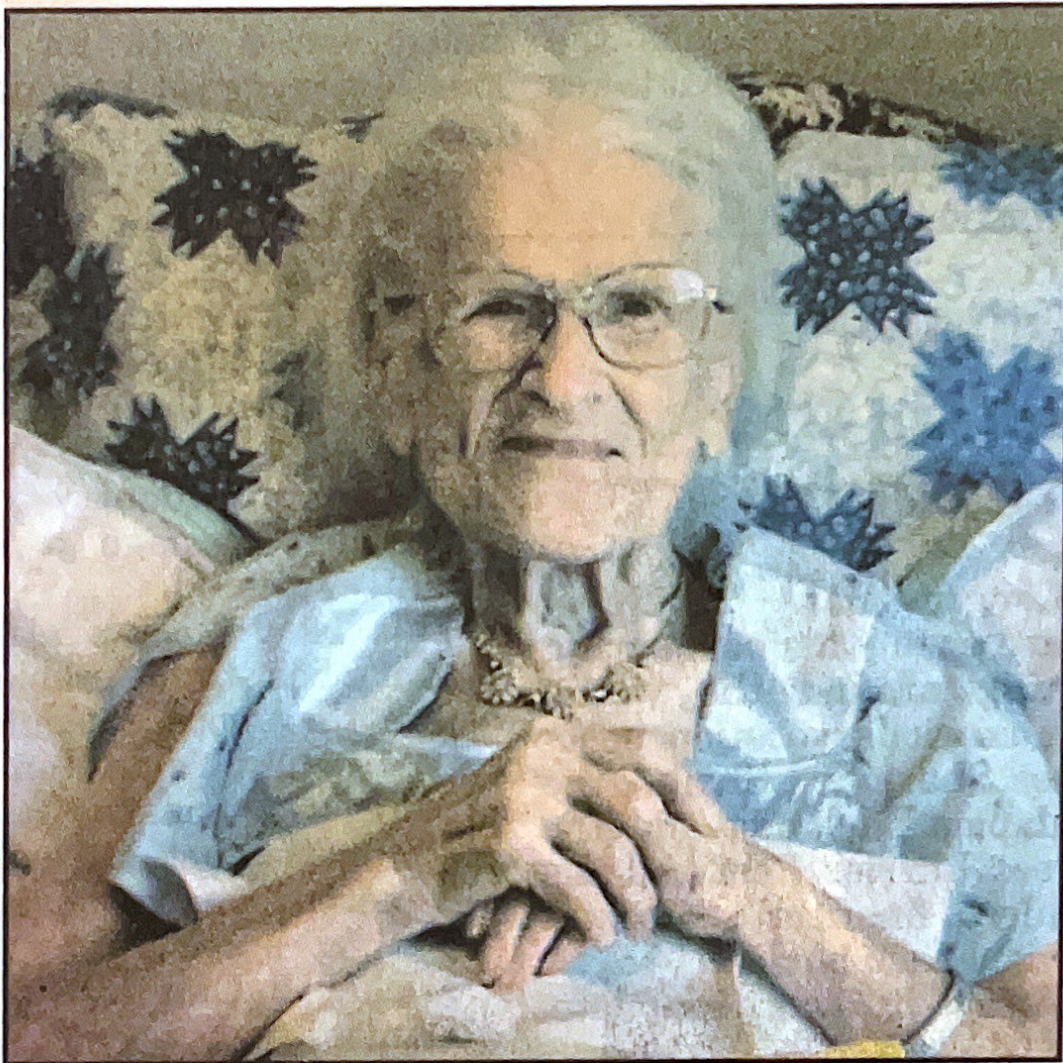


100 YEARS YOUNG



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Lela Purrier celebrated her 100th birthday Wednesday, at Columbia Ridge Assisted Living in Washougal.

Purrier was born in Searsboro, Iowa. When she was 6 years old, her family — the Bechly's — moved to Camas, where she lived until moving to Washougal in 2004. In 1926, she married Ruben Purrier. He passed away in 1953. They had one son, Grice, who died in 2000. Lela has one grandson, Rhett Purrier, of Fort Collins, Colo.

Lela worked for the Crown Zellerbach paper mill as a teletype operator from 1925 until her retirement in 1971. She is a member of the Columbian Rebekah Lodge #220 and Camas United Methodist Church.